



away from the circuit is at least substantially solid and has a density of 1100 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (twice amended) A printed circuit which is provided with a synthetic resin capping layer, said circuit comprising a printed circuit board having at least one electric component, and the capping layer exhibiting a variation of mechanical properties in a direction at right angles to a surface of the capping layer, characterized in that said variation of the mechanical properties is a continuous variation.

#### REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, the specification was objected to because of an informality, and claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 due to a lack of antecedent basis for certain recited limitations. In response, the noted informalities in the specification and claims have been corrected, and it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in proper form.